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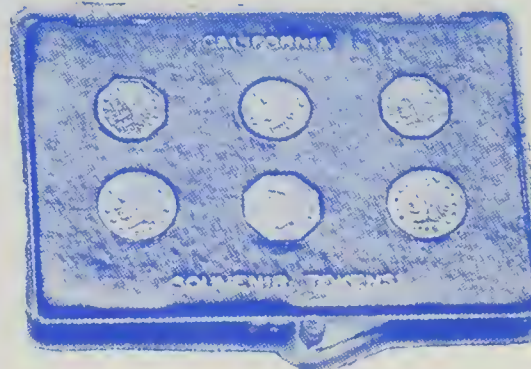
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## MEXICAN EMPERORS

Of all the Central and South American countries, none has such natural climate to bear Emperors as has Mexico. This may be due to the fact that Mexico is a highly developed and large country, extending from ocean to ocean, and a sea-going power as well; but perhaps the tradition of a powerful monarch, which has found expression from time to time in the neighboring country south of the border, is unconsciously following the historical facts after all. During the Middle Ages, the Aztecs and Toltecs held sway in Mexico, Guatemala and much of Central America. To the very last, Montezuma, the Emperor, fought the Spaniards. His crown was not a small regional one but he was overlord over smaller rulers scattered around the large country, thus a true Emperor

## MEXICAN EMPERORS (Continued)

When the Spanish Colonial power was defeated by the patriots during the long war for independence, ending in 1821, the royalist sentiment among the Mexican people was by no means dead. They wanted severance of ties with Spain but they were not necessarily averse to being ruled by a monarch. Thus one nobleman of Spanish blood, Augustin Iturbide, who was then at the head of the government, found it not too difficult to make himself Mexico's Emperor as Augustin I. Republican forces, however, defeated him two years later and true democracy came to Mexico.

On his coins Augustin refers to himself as Constitutional Emperor of Mexico, an idea simultaneously adopted in Brazil by Peter Braganza, when he took the Imperial crown of that newly-independent country. Until then, the very ideas of "Constitution" and "Emperor" were a contradiction.

In 1804 another Empire came to Mexico. For political reasons, Napoleon III backed the monarchist party in Mexico against the Yankee-backed Republicans. The United States was in the throes of the Civil War and could not pay too much attention to its neighbor south of the border. Finding an obliging scapegoat in the brother of Austria's Emperor, Franz Joseph, by the name of Maximilian, Napoleon persuaded Max that the Mexicans indeed wanted him to rule them. Max arrived in Mexico in 1864, but resistance to his Empire was immediate. Still, with the aid of French bayonets, he maintained himself in Mexico City until 1867 when the Republicans, under Juarez, caught him and ended the Second Empire. That they also executed him was not altogether cricket as he had been the innocent accessory to Napoleon's schemes.

On the coins, Maximilian refers to himself simply as "Emperor" without the Constitutional privileges. But then the year 1866 was the middle of absolutistic thinking, the revolutionary period of 1848 had long gone by, and "By The Grace of God" had reappeared on many European coins.

During the Civil War that tore Mexico to pieces between 1914 and 1919, more than one leader had aspirations along the lines of Emperor, and Pancho Villa certainly acted like one for a while. During that period, too, the individual states assumed the right of coinage in true Empire fashion; only the name of the overlord was missing.

-- Hans Holzer

## UNITED STATES

# Paper Money

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 1879 CC Mint, Brill. Unc. 57.50  
 1879 O, Ab. Unc. 4.00; Br. Unc. 7.50

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1879 O Mint, Ext. Fine. 2.50  
 1880 Brilliant Proof 60.00  
 1880 S Mint, Brilliant Unc. 3.00  
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 1881 S Mint, Brilliant Unc. 3.50  
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 1882 Br. Proof, slight abrasions 37.50  
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 1882 S, Ab. Unc. 1.50; Br. Unc. 3.00  
 1882 CC, Brill. Uncirculated. 9.00  
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 1883 CC, Brill. Uncirculated. 9.00  
 1883 O, Ab. Unc. 2.00; Br. Unc. 3.50  
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 1885 O, Ab. Unc. 2.00; Br. Unc. 3.50  
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 1886 S, Brilliant Uncirculated. 13.75  
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 1887 S, Brilliant Uncirculated. 9.50  
 1887 O, Ab. Unc. 2.75; Br. Unc. 4.00  
 1888 Brilliant Uncirculated. 4.00  
 1888 S, Brilliant Uncirculated. 13.75  
 1888 O, Ab. Unc. 2.50; Br. Unc. 4.00  
 1889 Brilliant Uncirculated. 2.50  
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 1923 D, Ab. Unc. 2.50; Br. Unc. 4.75  
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 1924 S, Brilliant Uncirculated. 6.00  
 1925 Brilliant Uncirculated. 2.50  
 1925 S, Brilliant Uncirculated. 5.50  
 1926 S, Ab. Unc. 2.25; Br. Unc. 3.75  
 1927 Ab. Unc. 2.50; Br. Unc. 6.00  
 1927 D, Brilliant Uncirculated. 17.50  
 1934 D, V. Fine 1.50; Ab. Unc. 3.75  
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 1875 S, Fine 5.00; V. Fine. 7.50  
 1875 CC, Fine-Very Fine. 12.50  
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 1876 CC Mint, Very Fine. 27.50  
 1877 Very Fine plus. 10.00  
 1877 S Mint, Practically Unc. with full mint lustre. 12.50  
 1877 S, Choice Extremely Fine. 9.00  
 1877 S, Fine 4.00; V. Fine. 6.00  
 1878 S, Choice Extremely Fine. 9.00  
 1878 S, Fine 4.50; V. Fine. 6.50

## TRADE DOLLARS WITH CHOP MARKS

(These chop marks were an endorsement and indicate that they actually circulated in China.)

1874 S, V. Fine 8.50; X. Fine. 12.50  
 1874 CC, Fine 12.50; V. Fine. 20.00  
 1875 S, V. Fine 6.50; X. Fine. 9.00  
 1876 S, Fine 4.50; V. Fine. 7.50  
 1876 CC, Very Fine. 25.00  
 1877 S, Very Fine plus. 6.50

## THE VOODOO PRESIDENT

Voodoo is the native religion of the people of Haiti who, themselves, fall into two broad categories -- negroes and mulattoes. Especially, among the purer African strains, the old Voodoo religion still has many followers, but in order to make it less offensive to the Catholic Church, many of the old Voodoo gods were given secondary Catholic names, so that on the surface at least, the worshippers of Voodoo were praying to Catholic Saints. That seemed to satisfy everybody, although Voodoo was never officially acknowledged as a State Religion. A number of Haitian Presidents have actively fought it - so much so that in the desire to destroy all vestiges of the "old" cults, their minions seized hundreds of fine statues, many of them made hundreds of years before any negro set foot on Haiti, and destroyed them. Voodoo is, of course, not sorcery at all, but a religion deeply rooted in West African life, closely connecting the material world with the next one. It somewhat resembles American Spiritualism and despite sensational stories printed on occasion, it never sacrifices anything higher than a rooster or goat, and that only on certain occasions.

The task of all presidents of Haiti has been to stay in office and to stay alive during the entire term. This is not always easy. Most presidents have officially fought Voodoo, without doing anything more strenuous than saying so and have not laid a hand on any of the many "hungans" or priests in the island. A few have fought Voodoo in earnest and found themselves in great difficulty. But it was President Geffrard who openly adopted Voodoo as his religion, something no other president has dared to do.

There are coins with President Geffrard's head dated 1861, in the values of 5, 10, and 20 Centimes. No symbols of Voodoo such as the snake, appear on the, however. Serpents do appear quite openly in the form of a "wreath" circling the value on the coins, under Alexander Petion, in the 1820's. It is interesting to note, too, that the serpent is generally regarded by many nations as a fertility symbol to be worshipped.

The Voodoo religion of Geffrard was dead. The next president promptly swore his firm allegiance to the Catholic Church.

---Hans Holzer



## THE SECRET COUNTERMARK

Countermarking of current coins has occurred throughout the ages and in every country. The reasons are either financial, that is to change the value of the coin in question, either up or down; or political, such as the Roman coins of Claudius counterstamped with the name of his successor Nero; and finally, geographical, to make the coin of one land acceptable in another.

A prime example of the latter is the many counterstamped coins of the West Indies, usually on Spanish or Mexican money, with place name monograms of Trinidad, Santa Lucia, Dominica, and many more.

It remained for the current Century to add still another reason or usage for countermarking coins. In 1934, little Austria saw the emergence of a one-party rule by the dominant Christian Socialist Party, under their leader Dollfuss. This made the second largest party, the Social Democrats, suddenly illegal. There was a brief Civil War, at the end of which the Social Democrats became a persecuted minority, and all membership cards of the party were dangerous documents to carry about in one's pockets.

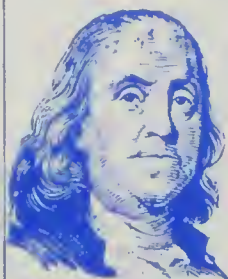
But the Social Democrats did not wish to give up the struggle against the new government. Still, there had to be some way of identifying its members to each other in the weeks to follow. It was then that one of the party leaders suggested the countermarking of coins with certain key numbers, thus making these coins in effect a man's membership card. This was done and coins were individually countermarked with serial numbers that could be checked against the secret records at the party's underground headquarters.

No sooner had the countermarking of the coins been carried out, than the party realized that they could carry on their struggle against the government in still other ways. Dies were cut with the party's symbol, Three Arrows, and fairly large numbers of nickel and silver coins were thus countermarked.

The Austrian government became aware of these countermarks as soon as they were issued, of course, and severe penalties were imposed on anyone found carrying a countermarked coin on his person.

But as the "membership card" countermark was put only on the smallest denomination, the 1 Groschen coin, it was easy to dispose of in case a member was suddenly arrested.

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